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- 1. Copy of a European Communication dated October 29, 2007, issued in a counterpart European application; and
- 2. IDS Form.

USP 6,856,354 cited in the attached European Search Report is being cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement. The remaining references cited in the European Search Report were previously cited in earlier Information Disclosure Statements.

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Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communication bears a mailing date of October 29, 2007. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) and does not require a fee.

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This paper is <u>not</u> a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 30, 2007. A response to said outstanding Office Action will be timely filed in due course.

It is requested that initialed copies of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the publications listed therein have been considered and made of record.

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